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LEGISLATIVE FARCE WAS EXPENSIVE

The late legislature saved the taxpayers but little money over the appropriations of two years ago, and that saving was of a very questionable nature. It consisted of scaling down arbitrarily the budgets of heads of departments and institutions regardless of their needs in order to make a showing for economy. Some of these cuts were positively harmful to effective work in the departments affected. On the other hand money was lavishly expended on useless session expenses, the clerkship and stenographer abuse reaching a limit never before attained by thousands of dollars. Bills like that providing for the payment of the Alma D. Katz claim for "investigating" the Tumalo irrigation project before it was taken over by the state were lobbied through without difficulty, and not less than seven useless circuit judgeships were created at \$4,000 a year each.

The session was in reality a carnival of lavish expenditure of public funds, in which constructive legislation was entirely lost sight of in the effort of the senate to work out certain political schemes hatched up in Portland. In the end the lower house was forced to give up its apparently honest efforts to do something worth while in the interest of the state, and abjectly surrendered to the political bosses in the closing hours of the legislative farce.

WELCOME IMMIGRANTS!

After this war we shall have a large European immigration. When the soldiers now in the field return to their homes they will find their customary industries disrupted and in many cases their families broken up. Naturally they will turn to America.

The same thing happened after the Franco-Prussian war, of 43 years ago. For some of the best elements in our population and some of the best individuals in our public and business life we are indebted to that conflict.

A human being who has been raised through the years of helplessness at the expense of another country and is delivered at our gates, a working economic unit at the height of his strength, is worth a good deal of money. Certainly he is worth as much as a blooded horse. Judged by the standards of value that prevailed in slavery, he is worth at least \$1,000.

After the present war we shall have very large crops of those immigrants. A million of them in a year would be worth a billion dollars. Probably the number will exceed a million a year. Their aggregate value will be much greater than our annual wheat crop or our annual cotton crop, for it is a mistaken idea that foreign immigration of the right type is harmful to national prosperity. It would be if all of them were laborers, but that will not be the case, since tens of thousands of farmers will take the first possible opportunity to leave Europe, and they will make tillers of the soil, filling the need for more producers. This is still a new country, capable of supporting millions more of population when all its arable land is irrigated, drained or cleared, as the need may be, by industrious workers intent on the building of homes. The development of the resources of Oregon and many other western states is but in the infancy.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP.

The World's Work in reviewing President Wilson's record of two years in office pays a compliment to him in the conclusion that aside from legislative achievements—tariff laws, currency reforms, trade commissions—the president has introduced one definite idea into American political life, and that is party leadership. It may be well to let the World's Work speak for itself in the following:

"The plan is a sound one and makes for political morality. Irresponsible bossism has never affected the central government as it has the state organizations; at times, however, a lack of co-operation between the president and congress and a lack of leadership have given an irresponsible and aimless character to the government. No president has seen so clearly as Mr. Wilson the way to check any such tendency. We have had presidents who favored and conciliated; we have had presidents who stormed and blustered; we have seldom had a man who took the respon-

sibility so steadily and who followed so straight and decisive a course."

Woodrow Wilson is a leader who has a full sense of responsibility placed upon him by the American people and a sense of appreciation of the possibilities that lie in a man's pathway when he follows a determination to do things worth while. Two years of Woodrow Wilson in the White House have demonstrated to the country and the world that the American people's estimate of the man was correct and that their expectation was both well placed and not disappointed.

Here it is as seen in Chicago by the Daily News: "When the consumers of all the nations get together and develop a class consciousness there will be no more wars." That means when the people who must live or fight and die assert their rights the notion of the divine right of kings to rule and permit them to live or drive them to battle and doom will go the way the notion went in this country when the fathers signed the Declaration of Independence. The silver lining of the war cloud is the hope that it will mean an end to autocratic government with its secret, crafty diplomacy, plotting war and conquest while the masses of the country, ignorant of the impending catastrophe until the blow falls, are powerless to protect themselves from the ruinous consequences.

The idea that war is a good thing for the farmers of this country is antagonized by David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university. He says whatever harms prosperity in one part of the world, injures all. For some of his products the American farmer may get a little more, but for others he will have no market at all. Those who buy must have money, but war always localizes the absorption of that necessity. Food was never so cheap in England as it is today, but it is because people are buying only the bare necessities. The belt can be easily tightened when war is on.

An Oklahoma banker with a \$100,000 surplus fund has a somewhat novel idea which he is trying to work out. He isn't offering to lend the money at the best rate of interest on gilt-edge security and demanding more than can be performed in the way of promises. He is willing to lend the money to young fellows who will engage in raising hogs. There's a man with the notion clear that raising hogs is good business and that young fellows who engage in the business can be depended upon to make good and ought to be helped along in their ambition to become useful citizens.

Persons intending to visit the San Francisco exposition should not be in a hurry about it. Two or three months later will be early enough and they will then see more of a show for the same money. The truth is that the fair is in a very incomplete stage at the present time, notwithstanding the press agent reports sent out to the newspapers. Many of the exhibit buildings are practically empty and there is little to see except the buildings and grounds.

The Cincinnati Enquirer puts a point plainly in this paragraph: "And there would be more prosperity in this country if we would remember that we are working for ourselves when we are working for others."

An Idaho man asks to be declared a bankrupt, placing his debts at \$593,145 with assets of \$500. Looks like a plain case on the face of it.

The Modern Maid

I met a little maid whose glance, as a woman, made me glad, her bid, she said, was brought from France, her face from Petrograd. "Will marry me?" I asked. "Sweet maid, you suit me to a T." Then all her molars she displayed; her laugh was large and free.

"This marriage bid," the maid replied, "gives me an oblong nose, what profits it to be a bride? What does a dandelion seedling in a total loss, a drudge unpaid and meek; but my employees come across with fifteen boxes each week. The wife must beg her tightwad man for every dime he finds; a girl becomes an able man the minute that she weels, oh, sweetly my way I jog, I find this old world mine; I'm independent as a hog that has been placed on ice. And if I wedded you, I fear, the change would make me ill; I'd have to work you for a year to get a dollar bill. My bank account is on the loose, I smile and snore and sing; oh, not for me the orange bloom, white gloves or wedding ring." So she went giggling on her way, and would not be a frau; I wonder if she'll be as gay some twenty years from now?

Mrs. Lora Selley is chief of the Pythian Sisters of the local lodge and Mrs. Ralph G. Moore is mistress of the records and correspondence.

Unless you have more dollars than sense, just expect others to consider your troubles interesting.

PYTHIAN SISTERS TO MEET AT ALBANY MARCH 10

The Pythian Sisters of this district will hold their annual convention at Albany next Tuesday, March 10. Representatives of lodges from the counties of Marion, Benton, Linn and Lane will take part in the proceedings. About 50 members of the local lodge are making arrangements to attend. Quite a large number of the Silverstein members will meet with the local lodge Tuesday morning and accompany them to Albany.

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STATE NEWS

Roseburg Review: The Commercial club had a very interesting letter this morning from Miss Carolyn P. Whitmore, of Boston, who is a stenographer and is desirous of coming to Oregon, if she can obtain land suitable to establish a colony of her friends. Miss Whitmore says she has heard very favorable reports of this section and asks for further particulars in regard to establishing her friends on some small tracts. She contemplates paying part of the money for the land and working at her profession for the remainder.

Marshfield Times: Warm days on Ten Mile lake, report the fishermen, will do a great deal in improving the fishing. Last Sunday the sun came out and men went out in boats, some of them getting as high as 100 during the afternoon. John D. Goss stated that Ole Severson caught 130 salmon trout the afternoon he was there. The bait used is bright colored flies and the almos state the early spring is proving the better fishing than the weeks of the early summer.

Gold Hill News: Years ago the local order of Modern Woodmen presented the city of Gold Hill with a tall and stately flagstaff, from which the national emblem has waved out to the stars based on each successive day of national observance. At other times it has been the favorite vantage point of the inquisitive onlooker, tradition having it that Sam Hughes once performed thirty-six of the feathered nabobs, with 22 rifle shots, as they hammered away at the towering tip, and without missing a single shot. Of late the pole showed signs of its advanced age, and canted over at an angle that was more fearsome than friendly. Accordingly it was condemned by the city council and laid low by Marshal Walker last Saturday afternoon.

Eugene Guard: William Pontland, of Myrtle Point, was kept in the Lane county jail last night for W. C. Leland, deputy sheriff of Coos county, while he was being taken back to Myrtle Point as a witness in a murder trial. He was arrested in Coeur d'Alene. He is said to have implicated Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell with the murder of Arthur Russell three years ago.

Baseball in John Day and buttercups in Eagle valley. Who says we do not have all-the-year happiness in this vicinity? It is the latest challenge issued by the Baker Herald.

The Gresham Outlook has just celebrated its fourth anniversary. Editor says, "Our return thanks to a public which has generously supported the Outlook and made its career one of constantly increasing prosperity."

"A Linn county man living in Seia" says the Lebanon Express, "has gone east to claim a fortune of \$22,000. It is cheering to know that he expects to return to his home town in a short time and invest his money in a local business."

The Burns News thus announces a valuable engineering consummation: "The dam in Silver river for power purposes at the Burns Power Mill company has now been made to stand, and all that now remains to be done is to get in sufficient equipment and gravel filling below the dam before the high water comes."

Eugene Register: A movement for a "City Beautiful" is more immediately important in Eugene this spring and summer than at any time since the Portland exposition in 1905. Thousands of tourists will pass through on their way to the great fairs in California. Eugene cannot afford to miss any opportunities to impress them favorably.

Ashtabud Tidings: Ashtabud is especially fortunate in her woman's club. No city can boast of more effective organizations or women more alert to the necessities of the community. This year the organizations are proving especially effective, and this summer will see Ashtabud clothed in more uniformly beautiful garments than she has before worn.

TALKS ON THRIFT

Saving for an Education. In most schools of America thrift is a subject left to take care of itself. Graduates go out into the world with no definite ideas about the happiness there is in thrift, of the value of home gardens, of household management, of wise investment and wise allotment of income for the expenses of home, business and self.—Montgomery Advertiser.

The School of Journalism of the University of Missouri has prepared a series of advertisements for the banks of that state in which the cause of education and the management of the habit of saving are admirably united. "If you will open an account with us when your son enters high school," says one of the advertisements, "and let him help you each week, but the time he completes his high school course there will be sufficient in the fund to take him through college."

Of course, the purpose is to have parents save money with the education of their children as an object and then use those savings by sending the young people to the Missouri institution. But the idea is a good one for parents everywhere. What father or mother could not take to heart such an argument as the following: "A \$100 A YEAR WILL GIVE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER A UNIVERSITY EDUCATION."

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You can get a Homestead of 160 acres FREE and Other lands can be bought at remarkably low prices. Think of the money you can make with wheat at its present high prices, where for some time it is liable to continue. During many years Canadian wheat has averaged 20 bushels to the acre—many yields as high as 45 bushels to the acre. Wonderful crops also of Oats, Barley and Flax.

Mixed farming is fully as profitable an industry as grain raising. The excellent system of rotation is the only food required either for beef or dairy purposes. Good results are secured with less labor and expense.

Military service is not compulsory in Canada, but there is an extra demand for men to replace the many young men who have volunteered for the war.

The Government this year is urging farmers to put extra energy into grain. Write for literature and particulars at no return value to Superintendent Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or J. N. Grieve, Cor. 1st and Post Streets, Spokane Wash.

Canadian Government Agent.

bank at compound interest for 80 months will enable your son to relieve his heart's desire for a college education. He can earn enough in vacations to finish out the fund.

Such a purpose provides one of the strongest possible motives for thrifty living.

In this connection, it is not out of place to consider the advisability of giving lessons of thrift a place in the course of study in both elementary and advanced schools. The conditions outlined by the Montgomery newspaper, quoted above, is all too true, and these things ought not to be left to chance. It is to continue to prosper as it should.

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Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.—"Marry or quit your job!" This is the advice "Country Superintendent of Schools Mark Keppel" is giving 100 girls "school marmes" today.

California laws provide that teachers must be born in the United States, must be naturalized American citizens, or must have married Americans. Keppel thinks the latter course is the best solution to a problem that has been bothering him for months.